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**OFFICIAL WARNING**



**VIOLATION OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

VIOLATOR

Customer # 322131  
Certificate # 58-C-1011  
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The Department of Agriculture has evidence that on or about **July 11, 2011 - June 9, 2011** you or your organization committed the following violation of Federal Regulations:

**9 CFR, SECTION**

**Failure to**

**2.40 (b)**

- Establish and maintain adequate veterinary care programs.  
(Inadequate follow-up treatment for tiger Kendra.)

**2.131 (b)(1)**

- Handle all animals as expeditiously and carefully as possible in a manner that does not cause trauma, overheating, excessive cooling, behavioral stress, physical harm, or unnecessary discomfort.

(\*\*An adult lion with ataxia gave birth to 3 offspring while housed in an enclosure approximately 5' by 7' within a transport trailer.

\*\*An adult tiger gave birth to 3 offspring while housed in with an adult male tiger. The tigress was seen trampling the cubs after the male exhibited aggressive behavior.

\*\*An adult cougar gave birth to 1 offspring while housed in an enclosure 4' by 6' within a transport trailer.)

**3.83**

- Provide potable water in sufficient quantity to every nonhuman primate housed at the facility. If potable water is not continually available to the nonhuman primates, it must be offered to them as often as necessary to ensure their health and well-being, but no less than twice daily for at least 1 hour each time.

(Two marmosets had a empty water bottle and drank thirstily when water was provided.)

**3.125 (a)**

- Construct facility of such material and of such strength as appropriate for the animals involved. Indoor and outdoor housing facilities shall be structurally sound and shall be maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and to contain the animals.

(The shift door to the enclosure housing one tigon and two tigers was laying on the ground.)

3.125 (c)

- Adequately protect food and bedding supplies against deterioration, molding, or contamination by vermin, and refrigeration of perishable foods.

(\*\*The large chest freezer was unplugged at time of inspection and meat inside had thawed.

\*\*The top freezer in the dry storage shipping container was not freezing the meat and warm to the touch.)

3.129 (a)

- Have food that is wholesome, palatable, and free from contamination and of sufficient quantity and nutritive value to maintain all animals in good health. The diet shall be prepared with consideration for the age, species, condition, size, and type of the animal. All animals shall be fed at least once a day except as dictated by hibernation, veterinary, treatment, normal fasts, or other professionally accepted practices.

(The red fox had a bowl of food in his enclosure with flies swarming around and ants and other insects in the bowl contaminating the food.)

3.131 (c)

- Keep buildings and grounds clean and in good repair to protect animals from injury and facilitate husbandry practices.

(Three enclosures containing bears, tigers and a lion had a shade cloth which was torn and hanging down into the enclosure.)

Titles 7 & 9 Code of Federal Regulations were promulgated to help prevent the spread of animal and plant pests and diseases and assure the humane treatment of animals. Since violations of the regulations can have serious and costly impact detrimental to the public interest, you are warned of this violation. Any further violation of these regulations may result in the assessment of a civil penalty or criminal prosecution. If you have any questions concerning this warning or violation, please contact the listed APHIS Official.

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